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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-ITALY CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

1. ALITALIA REP LECCESE (DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS/ COMMERCIAL ACCORDS) CALLED ON EMBOFF FEBRUARY 11. DURING DISCUSSION OF FORTHCOMING USG-GOI CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS, HE REMARKED THAT, IF SUG PREPARED TO QTE GIVE UNQTE ON CAPACITY ISSUE, THEN IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES. HE FURTHER OBSERVED THAT, IF ITALIAN INTERESTS RE CAPACITY COULD NOT PRT NOT BE ACCOMMODATED, THEN THERE IS NO RPT NO CHANCE OF RESOLVING ISSUES ON WHICH WE DISAGREE. LECCESE SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF OTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND FACT THAT HE EXPECTS LITTLE PROGRESS AT INITIAL SESSIONS NEXT WEEK, HE IS NOT GOING TO THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULATATIONS.

2. COMMENT. LECCESE DID NOT CLARIFY WHETHER CAPACITY PROBLEM INVOLVES 1976 SUMMER SCHEDULES (ON WHICH GOI HAS REQUESTED ONCSULTATIONS), MEANS FOR REGULATING CAPACITY AS ESTABLISHED IN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT (ATA), OR BOTH. EMBASSY BELIEVES LATTER PROBABLY MORE SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FOR ALITALIA, GIVEN GOI'S INABILITY IN RECENT YEARS TO CUT US CARRIERS' PROPOSED CAPACITY THROUGH CURRENT CONSULTATION PROCEDURES.VOLPE

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